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REMARKS

Reconsideration and reexamination of the application are requested. Claims 7 and 9 have been amended by rewriting them into independent form. Claims 1-5 and 11-12 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 6 is canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 10 and 13-22 have been allowed. Claims 7-10 and 13-22 remain pending.

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Kato (US 5,704,334). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Claim 6 has been canceled to expedite prosecution.

Claims 7-9 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 7 and 9 have been written into independent form to include the language from claim 6.

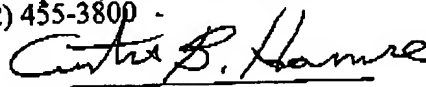
All claims should now be in immediate condition for allowance. Early issuance of a notice of allowance is solicited.

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